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USDA/FAS - MR. DOBBINS (SUBS)

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TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

INFO AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, BC

SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL BOTSWANA INTEREST IN BEEFALO

REFS: (A) GABORONE 854; (B) POPE-CHRISTENSEN OFFICIAL-

INFORMAL LETTER OF MAY 14, 1975

1. USDA HAS INFORMED US THAT DEVELOPMENT OF BEEFALO HAS BEEN PRIVATE OPERATION AND, AS FAR AS USDA KNOWS, THERE HAVE BEEN NO TESTS OF THIS ANIMAL IN IMPARTIAL, PUBLIC-SUPPORTED COMPARISONS. ACCORDING TO DR. KEITH GREGORY, MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER, ARS-USDA, CLAY CENTER, NEBRASKA, NO RPT NO WORK HAS BEEN DONE AT ANY U.S. EXPERIMENTAL STATION ON BEEFALO. THEREFORE, USDA HAS INFORMED US THAT IT IS NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATION ON FEASIBILITY OF ANY BEEFALO OPERATION IN BOTSWANA.

2. ACCORDING TO USDA OFFICIAL, CANADA HAS DONE SOME WORK ON BEEFALO AND PERSONS INTERESTED IN CANADIAN EFFORTS SHOULD CONTACT FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL:

DR. JACK STOTHART

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LECOMBE, ALBERTA, CANADA

3. WE HAVE TRIED TO REACH MR. BASOLO AND HAVE SO FAR NOT

BEEN SUCCESSFUL, BUT WILL KEEP TRYING. APPARENTLY, MR.  
BASOLO DOES SOMETIMES TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES TO DIS-  
CUSS BEEFALO PRODUCTION. HIS ADDRESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

MR. D.C. BASOLO  
BASOLO RANCH  
TRACY, CALIFORNIA 95376

TEL. NO. (209)835-3529

4. USDA HAS FURNISHED SOME ADDITIONAL ARTICLES ON  
BEEFALO WHICH ARE BEING FORWARDED TO POST. INGERSOLL

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